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the subject of a vigorous enquiry and that appropriate action against those guilty of inefficiency or worse in the interests of the public"; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government against the Police officials concerned?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) Sir, the Government are aware of the observations made by the High Court upon the quality and nature of investigation by the Police in a trial referred by the Court of Session of Tiruchirappalli for the confirmation of the sentence of death passed upon the accused in a case of murder and of causing disappearance of evidence of crime. The action to be taken on the Police Officers concerned in pursuance of the High Court's observations is under consideration.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know the reason for the passing of such strong strictures by the Court?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : How can I give the reasons? If the Court feels that the investigation was not properly conducted, they make their own observations. They are free to make their own observations. On the other hand I may also tell the hon. Member, that the very same Sessions Judge has also made the following observations : 'I commend the careful and the thorough investigation made by the Police Officers concerned who in spite of misleading tract indicated in the first information report (Exhibit P-1) successfully discovered the person really responsible for the murder of the deceased'. Therefore the Court has also shown its approbation of the efficient manner in which investigations are done.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Have the strictures been passed on any one particular police official and if so was any action taken against him and whether he was suspended from service?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The remarks passed were against the method of investigation. Further examination would be done by the Department as against particular investigating officers who were responsible for the investigation.

SRI S. LAZAR : Are the Government aware of the judgment of the Sessions Judge in the very same case, namely, the convicting judge, who has paid lot of tributes and made certain recommendations also regarding the police officers and will the Government take into consideration the observations made by the convicting judge also when the Government take into consideration the strictures passed by the High Court?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have quoted the remarks made by the Sessions Judge.

Tea plantation in Kanyakumari district

* 732 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the present stage of the proposal to have a tea plantation by the State in the Kanyakumari district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have no proposal to undertake the cultivation of Tea departmentally anywhere in the forests of this State.

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SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that on account of fear of malaria people have abandoned large tea gardens in the Kanyakumari district and if so, whether the Government are prepared to undertake those plantations or give them on auction to other people?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If people come forward to take up the land and cultivate tea, Government could consider auctioning the lands for tea cultivation.

SRI S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : நிலச் சட்டத்தில் தேயிலைத் தோட்டம் முதலானவைகளுக்கு விதி விலக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிற நேரத்தில் ஏதாவது ஒரு தேயிலைத் தோட்டத்தைச் சர்க்கார் எடுத்து நடத்திப் பரிட்சித்துப் பார்ப்பார்களா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : தேயிலைத் தோட்டத்தைப் பொறுத்த வரை சர்க்கார் எடுத்து நடத்திப் பரிட்சை பார்க்க வேண்டிய அவசியம் இல்லையென்று சர்க்கார் கருதுகிறது.

SRI K. PONNIAN : தலைவர் அவர்களே, சின்கோன பிர் தேசத்தில் தேயிலைப் பயிர் செய்வதற்குத் திட்டம் இருந்ததே, அந்தத் திட்டத்தைப்பற்றி அரசாங்கம் என்ன முடிவு செய்தது?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இப்பொழுது அம்மாதிரி ஒன்றும் அரசாங்கத்திற்கு உத்தேசம் இல்லை.

Death at a dance performance

* 733 Q.—**SRI A. A. RASHEED :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that three persons were trampled to death at a dance performance held in Tirupattur, North Arcot district in the third week of February 1960; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No, Sir..

(b) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that a press report has appeared in one of the Tamil dailies and if so, whether any repudiation has been made with regard to it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am not personally aware of any report in the press about this matter and I have no information about it.

Milk powder

* 734 Q.—**SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether this Government are aware of the various sources from which milk powder is got free into this State, and the channels through which they are distributed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir.